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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

# School board wants action on ECC

By Mike Lydick

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The School Committee has tossed the issue of funding a new school to replace the aging and inadequate Early Childhood Center squarely into the lap of city councilors.

Voting 6-0 at its June 14 meeting, the committee approved a resolution requesting that the

Mayor abstains from vote to support \$26M building

City Council appropriate funding for constructing a new building to serve pre-K and kindergarten students. The estimated cost is between \$21 million and \$26 million

During the discussion on the resolution, Brian Burbank said when he was a candidate for the School Committee last fall, he visited the current ECC, on Perry Lane, to see conditions firsthand.

"I saw gym classes in the hallway," he said. "The physical therapy and occupational therapy areas should be in a dedicated area — it's not. It's a shared classroom

Burbank walked out "excited" to be an advocate for a new ECC,

but said he had "a little bit of sticker shock" when he saw what it would cost. He added that the potential \$5 million to \$6 million the town might get from the state, if it were to wait for a grant, "seems like a lot of money to forgo."

School Superintendent William Sapelli said the town can't wait five years or more in hopes of

getting assistance from the state School Building Authority.

"The need is greater today than it was a year ago or even five years ago, big picture," he said. There's "a dire need" now.

Sapelli said in five years, rising construction costs will "eat up" any possible savings from state assistance: "It would cost us about

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# COMPLETE STREETS

# Biking path to be built at HS

By Michael J. Ballway mballway@turley.om

Runners aren't the only ones who will benefit from a new track surface at Agawam High School

As part of the athletic fields project, the sidewalk in front of the school is being rebuilt as a shared-use walking and biking path, Town Engineer Michelle Chase said this week. The new asphalt path, which will be 8 feet wide, will run along Mill Street from Line Street to the school entrance, where new bicycle racks will be installed. Currently, there is no walkway connecting Agawam High School to the sidewalk, Chase said.

Funding for the path will come from the athletic facilities project itself. The project already included funds to rebuild the existing

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# COMMUNITY CARE

# Strategies sought to deal with dementia

By Mike Lydick aan@turley.com

ore than 5 million people currently live with dementia — usually caused by Alzheimer's disease — that creates significant memory problems as well as other cognitive and behavioral issues.

In a decade, that number will double to more than 10 million people. That will have a significant impact on communities like Agawam, according to Melinda Monasterski, dementia program director at Heritage Hall North nursing facility in Agawam. It's why she wants to create an action plan to educate the community about the needs of people who have dementia.

Earlier this month Monasterski met with several healthcare professionals, community mem-

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Melinda Monasterski, left, dementia program director at Heritage Hall North nursing facility in Agawam, met earlier this month with several healthcare professionals, community members, and town officials to begin developing strategies to make Agawam a dementia-friendly community. Listening to Monasterski are, from left, Anna Johnson, a social worker at Heritage Hall, Tania Spear, CEO of Silver Linings Home Care in Agawam, and Rachel Florence, a student at Agawam High School. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



# Polish Club bingo benefits local organizations

The Polish American Club of Agawam's bingo operation recently held a meeting to review and designate donations to several local organizations. The club is particularly responsive to area organizations that have an impact on the players who attend the Tuesday night bingo games.

"It's your money, and we are pleased to be able to donate it to organizations that in turn benefit you, our players," said Wilma Gillan, bingo chairperson.

Any proceeds from the bingo operation at the Polish Club in excess of winnings, taxes and expenses must be donated to non-profit organizations. It has been the policy of the club to do so by designating local organizations as recipients. In addition to the Fidelco Foundation, donations were made to the Agawam Public Library, Shriners Hospital, the Westfield Athenaeum and several others.

Bingo is held weekly at the Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick St., in Feeding Hills.



Diane Lindeland, representing the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, receives a check from Wilma Gillan, bingo chairperson, as bingo workers Donnie Hanna and Ted Pohrylho look on. SUBMITTED

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# 'Let's Glow' run in memory of former AHS teacher

SOMERS, Conn. — A 5K run in memory of Ray Suzor, who taught at Agawam High School, will take place Saturday, July 16, at Field Road Park, 96 Field Road, Somers. Proceeds from the event will benefit Shriners Hospi-

Registration fee is \$20 and includes a T-shirt and timed bib. The race will begin at 9 p.m., along a flat course lit by more than 1,000 glow sticks.

Food and entertainment will be at site. To register, visit www.sneaa.org/ lets-glow-5k.

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# Stop & Shop fundraiser to benefit Dana-Farber

Stop & Shop's annual fundraising campaign to support pediatric cancer research and treatment at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute will run through July 10. Stop & Shop customers will have the opportunity to contribute to the "Help Cure Childhood Cancer" campaign at store checkouts, with 100 percent of donations benefiting Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund.

Customers donating \$3 or more will

receive a coupon booklet featuring over \$85 in savings. Participating locations include the Stop & Shop at 1282 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills.

Entering its 26th year of partnership with the Dana-Farber, Stop & Shop has raised over \$60 million for pediatric cancer research and treatment through its fundraising activities.

"We are making strides in the treatment of childhood cancer," said Dr. Lisa

cology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "Thanks in part to the incredible support of Stop & Shop and their customers, we have been able to expand our research and find new treatments for children with life-threatening cancers. With the knowledge gained from our work at the Dana-Farber, the generosity of Stop & Shop will benefit children not only locally but globally."

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# 'Paint, Shop' night to benefit Grange

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a patriotic "Paint and Shop Night" at the Grange Hall, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 24. The donation is \$20, which will cover the glassware, supplies and instruction by decorative artist Peg Sullivan.

Refreshments will be served and there will be vendors selling their products.

Reservations, which are suggested as seating is limited, may be made by calling 413-789-2061.

Proceeds will benefit Grange activities.



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# Church dinner to benefit 'Home Base' program

The Agawam United Methodist Church at 459 Mill St., Feeding Hills, will host its first "Home Base" benefit dinner this Saturday, and is asking for help from the community.

Each day, one service member and 22 veterans take their lives due to the effects of the "Invisible Wounds of War." Home Base is a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital program, dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of war for service members, post-9/11 veterans and their families through clinical care, wellness, education and re-

Following the 2007 World Series win, Red Sox players met with wounded veterans at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and learned of the challenges that many of our veterans were facing. Home Base is the first partnership of its kind in the na-

On Saturday, June 25, at 6 p.m., the Agawam United Methodist Church will be offering a homemade ziti and meatball dinner, bread, salad, beverage and freshly baked desserts. All proceeds will benefit the Home Base program. Tickets are limited. To make a reservation, call Shawn at 413-262-1726. Cost is \$10 for adults and children over the age of 12, \$5 for seniors and children age 6 to 12, and free for children under the age of 6.

# Gov. Council candidates debate judicial issues

By Tyler S. Witkop twitkop@turley.com

WILBRAHAM — The two Democratic candidates vying for Governor's Council in the Eighth District squared off in a debate Monday night at the Gardens of Wilbraham.

Retired attorney and judge Mary Hurley, the first and only woman elected mayor of Springfield, and Jeffrey Morneau, president of the Hampden County Bar Association, met the public and discussed the issues in an event hosted by the Wilbraham Democratic Town Committee. Wilbraham attorney David Chivers served as moderator.

The district includes Agawam. The Governor's Council consists of the lieutenant governor and eight district councilors, elected for two-year terms. It approves judicial appointments and pardons, authorizes expenditures from the state treasury, approves the appointment of constitutional officers if a vacancy occurs when the Legislature is not in session, and compiles and certifies the results of statewide elections. It also approves the appointments of notaries public and justices of the peace.

For Morneau, "This election is not about me or my opponent; it's about our community, it's about all of us."

He noted that judges set bail, deliver sentences and decide custody matters, making it critical that the governor "gets it right" with judicial appointments. He said that judges must be thoughtful, understanding, compassionate and understand their community.

Hurley said judges must have experience, intelligence, honesty, judicial temperament, humility, tact and understanding. She noted that it is important to look for people with sensitivity to issues such as domestic violence and opioid addiction.

Morneau said the biggest challenge



Mary Hurley and Jeffrey Morneau, Governor's Council candidates for the Eighth District, debate at the Gardens of Wilbraham June 20, moderated by David Chivers. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID MILES

is how busy the courts are. He noted that Hampden County is one of the busiest districts in the state and is currently experiencing a lack of judges.

"We need to fill those positions as quickly as possible," Morneau said.

Hurley responded that the lack of judges is an issue she has spoken about for some time, noting that as a judge, she held two sessions a day in Chicopee. She said the Eighth District is one of the busiest in the state and as of October 2015 had 10 of the 15 judicial vacancies.

"I'm going to fight for more judges in more courts," she said.

Candidates were asked about the Supreme Judicial Court nominations of Kimberly Budd, David Lowy and Frank Gaziano by the governor, and what questions they would ask of them on the council.

Hurley said that she is very familiar with Lowy and thought Budd and Gaziano were "very well qualified."

"The question is, should they be sitting on our Supreme Judicial Court," Morneau

He noted that he would like to know their stance on the death penalty, abortion rights and same-sex marriage. If they weren't opposed to the death penalty and in favor of the latter two issues, he would not support them.

Asked to compare Massachusetts to some other states, where judges are elected, Morneau said he felt "there's really no better system that I'm aware of" than selecting, reviewing and vetting judges with the Governor's Council.

Hurley agreed, but said it may be appropriate to look at the term limits for judges. who can currently serve until the mandatory retirement age of 70.

Hurley and Morneau are the only two candidates on the ballot for the Governor's Council seat vacated by Michael Albano. The primary election is Thursday, Sept. 8.







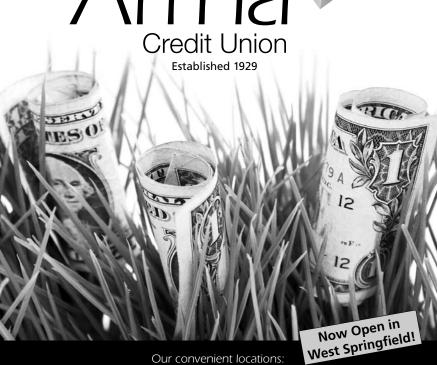
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**OUR VIEW** 

# **Council shouldn't sweat** small (budget) stuff

Tt's important to have elected oversight over the town budget, but remember — the mayor is elected, too.

And the mayor's office is the body best suited to efficiently manage the small budget-balancing transfers that are often required to pay end-of-the-year bills or authorize an unexpected overtime. The City Council was right, this week, to give this authority back to the mayor for fiscal 2017, after having taken it away two years ago.

We've learned since then that it doesn't make sense to bog down the City Council, a policy-setting, legislative body, in minutiae like a 9 cent shortfall. Every budget request to the council had to be petitioned by the mayor and town solicitor, placed on a council agenda, referred to a subcommittee and finally voted at a second City Council meeting — a process that could take as long as four weeks.

Every year, the council approves a multimilliondollar town budget and entrusts it to the mayor to manage. The budget adopted by the council sets aside certain funds for certain purposes. Some spending is specific — money in a department's "Telephone" line item is expected to be spent on telephone bills, for example — but many of the line items leave the mayor and department heads with considerable leeway. In the library budget, for instance, there are line items for "Other Supplies," "Advertising and Promotion" and "Miscellaneous," among others.

The council sets a big-picture spending plan, but trusts the mayor and town departments to fill in the small details. So if the library spends \$10 more than expected promoting National Library Week in April, the director can easily make a \$10 cut in the June promotional budget for the Summer Reading Program, without having to get a whole new budget approved.

So when a wages or purchased services line item has to be overspent by tens or hundreds of dollars a couple extra shifts of overtime, an unplanned call to the plumber — it makes sense to let the mayor shuffle available funds internally

The council may be right to cap this authority at \$1,000; there comes a point when transfers to cover shortfalls become so large that they represent an actual shift in legislative priorities, a departure from the spirit of the budget as presented to taxpayers and approved by the council. It makes sense to involve the council in such major modifications, particularly if they involve funds moving from one department to another. Over the course of the coming budget year, the mayor and council should reflect on whether \$1,000 is the best dividing line, or \$500, or \$2,000, or even \$10,000.

Things change as the year goes on, however, and wherever that line is placed, for the truly minor but necessary modifications to the budget, the mayor's office is the branch of government best suited to adapt quickly.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

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# Letters to the Editor

# St. Pat's Committee welcomes new members

The Agawam St. Patrick Committee extends a sincere thank you for the support the Agawam community has given this year. It has included fundraising and support from local business members, banks, the Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Senior Center, St. John's Church, Agawam DPW, Six Flags and our individual membership. Bless you.

The Agawam St. Patrick Committee has dedicated itself to promoting the town of Agawam economically, culturally and socially. We are a nonprofit and totally selfsupporting and welcome membership to all ages and ethnicity.

June is membership drive month; consider joining us. For more information, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or mail information and a \$20 annual membership to St. Patrick Committee, P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA 01001. Watch for news about our September Pub Crawl.

> **Rosemary Sandlin** St. Patrick's Committee

# YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

# Monty and the Specialties

arl Montagna '60 started taking guitar lessons when he was in eighth grade. His teacher was Harvey

LaRose, father of his classmates, twin sisters Diane and Donna, who sang for us a long time ago. In October of his junior year of high school, Carl joined forces with Greg Buell '61, Ed Weber '62 and Fran Capitanio '62, forming a rock 'n' roll band they at first called the "Specialties."

"Rock Around the Clock" in '55 was by Bill Haley and the Comets. "At the Hop" in '58 was by Danny and the Juniors and "Tears on my Pillow," also in

'58, was a hit by Little Anthony and the Imperials. Somebody and the somebodies was a popular way to name a group so the Specialties decided to call themselves Monty and the Specialties. It's nearly 60 years later and there are thousands of area music fans who will never forget the most successful band to come out of Agawam, Monty and the Specialties.

Bob Decker '60 joined our Fab Four in November, becoming the lead singer when the band played their first public performance at a YMCA dance at the high school. In March 1959, they performed again at a Lions Club talent show. Then in April, Southwick kids got to see them when they played at Babb's Beach. In May, it was on to

Amherst to play at the Drake. Every UMass student in the '60's knew where the Drake

> The Specialties must have guessed that they were on the right track in November 1959. Teenagers at the Y dance were asking for autographs and then they made the front page of the town paper.

> In January 1960, Monty and the Specialties backed up the Velveteens at a March of Dimes assembly when the girls sang "Please Holy Father," a song that became number one in this area under a different title, "Teen

Prayer."

**Walt Willard** 

In February, Ralph DePalma filled in for Bob Decker, who left to form his own band. A July gig at Forest Lake in Palmer had Vinnie Cosgrove as the master of cer-

In September, the band backed up Danny and the Juniors at the Roseland Ballroom just before Vinnie Cosgrove joined

On Oct. 10, 1960, "Teen Prayer" was recorded at Universal Records in West Springfield. Sandy Vigneault had replaced Judy Roy in the Velveteens. She was not a Brownie but I think everyone else was - Monty, the Specialties, Nancy Roy and

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**Carl Montagna** 







**Ed Weber** 



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For more information or to sign up, call Jean Raczkowski at the Sacred Heart parish office, 413-786-8200, ext 3, or email j.raczkowski@sacredheartfeedinghills.org. There will be informational sessions Wednesday, June 29, at 10 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Center for those inter-





Fran Capitanio

**Bob Decker** 

# **HOMETOWN ■** from page 4

Maureen Grady. The song was later recorded at the Bell Sound Company in New York City. In late October, Ray Thompson replaced Ed Weber and the band auditioned for Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour.

By the middle of 1961, Monty had Fran Capitanio (sax), Ray Thompson (drums) and Vinnie Cosgrove (bass guitar) on his team. In late September, they played backup for Dion at the Roseland.

The next four years proved very productive for the band as they played before 3,000 at a Beach Boys concert and before 1,800 at Mountain Park, when they alternated sets with the Kingsmen. Surely you remember "Louie Louie" by the Kingsmen. The lead singer, Jack Ely, sort of mumbled his way through and there were many speculations as to what the words really were. You can get the words on

For 3 1/2 years, Carl and his band played Saturday night at the Roseland in Holyoke, playing solo and also as accompanists to a long list of hitmakers. Monty and the Specialties ended their gig in 1971. Carl continued, forming a new group, Music Machine, and later a group named Milestone. n 2008, the 50-year reunion of Monty and the Specialties drew over 500 people at the Oakes Steak House here in Agawam.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 vears. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



# **Council passes budget with a few cuts**

Mayor regains mid year fund transfer authority

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

The town of Agawam now has a fiscal year 2017 budget after the Agawam City Council cut about \$380,000 (about 0.04 per-

cent) from the bottom line and passed it. With the cuts, the average taxpayer will pay about \$4 less per quarter than under the original budget proposed by Mayor Richard Cohen. Fiscal 2017 begins next

Several cuts were proposed by Councilor Christopher Johnson, who also is the head of the council's Finance Subcommittee.

His proposed cuts were brought forward at the council meeting on Monday night and totaled about \$670,000. The council approved several of them, but also turned down a few, including cuts in sidewalk line items and a couple of cuts in the Police Department court time budget.

Cohen said he was pleased to see the budget passed, and while he does not agree with all the cuts, he will support the final budget. He said his greatest concern was a line-item cut for \$225,000 out of electricity and heat. Cohen said he budgeted below the average for electricity and heat and believes the cut is not good business for the

"We had an unusually mild winter," said Cohen. "So the cost is not going to stay what it was for last year. We are averaging about \$1.323 million in electricity and heating costs over the last few years."

The mayor budgeted for about \$1.24 million, and the cut will make the line item approximately \$1.02 million. Cohen said it is very possible a colder winter will cause him to have to come in front of the council for a transfer from free cash to fund more electricity and heating.

One power Cohen regained through the budget process last night was the ability

to make some in-house transfers for line items within a department's budget.

In an effort to have more oversight, city councilors two years in a row stipulated that all transfers must be approved the council. Cohen objected, saying having to go through the council for smaller transfers slows down government. All transfers take about a month to go through the council process, and some of those bills then go unpaid for a period of time.

Last year, Agawam Municipal Golf Course General Manager Tony Roberto needed transfers to balance his budget to end fiscal 2015. The council had to call a special meeting to approve the small trans-

Now, Cohen will be able to make inhouse transfers up to \$1,000 without council approval. Councilor Richard Theroux said the mayor should be able to have the power to make the transfers he needs to make without the council. Councilor Robert Rossi argued to keep the same practice for the past two years.

With the cuts, the City Council approved a spending package of about \$88.4 million. A little more than half of that is the school budget (\$44.5 million). The council did not attempt to make any cuts in the school budget this year.

Council President James Cichetti said there are funds that have been set aside in the budget under salary reserve for the upcoming negotiations with the various town employee unions. Their contracts will likely come up for vote early next year.

Aside from the \$225,000 electricity and heat cut, the rest of the cuts were smaller in nature. Johnson said he believed the cuts were necessary now to lower the tax levy, especially with the debt for the school athletic facility project coming in the next fis-

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# School Committee meeting

Roberta G. Doering School 68 Main St.

Tuesday, June 28 — 7 p.m.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Executive session 6:15 p.m. (Negotiations and personnel)
  - 3. Moment of silence
- 4. Roll call of attendance
- 5. Regular meeting 7 p.m. 6. Citizen's Speak Time
- 7. Highlights on Education: None
- 8. Superintendent's Notes
- 9. Student Advisory Committee representative up-
- 10. Unfinished business:
- a. SCR-16-21, Acceptance of \$750 donation from AIC to the AJHS Arts Education program
- b. Superintendent's evaluation
- 11. Business meeting
- a. Routine matters
- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers c. Reports:

- 1). Scheduled reports:
- · Personnel update (paper report) • Financial update - R. Clickstein
- 2). Subcommittee updates
- 12. New business: None
- 13. Policy Review:
- a. Policy GBEC, Drug-Free Workplace Policy, 2nd and 3rd readings
- b. Policy IHAMB, Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs, 2nd and 3rd readings
- c. Policy JICH-1, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited, 2nd and 3rd readings
- d. Policy JJF, Student Activity Accounts, 2nd and 3rd
- e. Policy JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students, 2nd and 3rd readings
- f. Policy ADF, School District Wellness Program, 2nd and 3rd readings
- g. Policy EBC-B, Narcan Policy and Procedure, 2nd
- 14. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
  - 15. Adjournment

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# Parade marshal to be honored in Nov.

Due to the forecast of inclement weather, the Agawam Veterans' Council was forced to cancel its annual Memorial Day Parade. Much preparation is made to coordinate this and the council looks forward to this annual event. The parade marshal selected for this event, George Francis Gabriel, will be honored instead at this year's Veterans Day program.

Gabriel was born Nov. 14, 1925, in Weymouth. He was drafted into the Navy in 1943 and was assigned to the USS Alaska, a cruiser in the Pacific Theater during World War II. While in the Pacific, Gabriel received the meritorious Duty Ribbon.

After the war, he went back to school for metal fabrication and then went on to hairdressing school, which enabled him to open a beauty school in Lexington in 1955.

Gabriel married Constance Russo and had a son, Jay Anthony Gabriel. His son and daughter-in-law blessed him with two sets of twin daughters, Tiffany and Ashley and Jacquelyn and Kristine.

Being from Lexington, Gabriel became interested in the Revolutionary War and the Minutemen. After many meetings and much planning, in 1971, the first time since 1775, the British 10th Regiment and the Lexington Minutemen met on the Lexington Green to do battle. To date, the battle is reenacted every year at the Lexington Green. During this time, Gabriel took on the name of Captain John Parker.

He was president of the Lexington Lions Club from 1964 to 1965 and was chairman of the March of Dimes in Lexington. Gabriel marched in the inauguration parades for the late presidents John F. Kennedy and James Carter. In 1976, for the U.S. Bicentennial, he and his Minutemen Honor Guard stood attention as President Gerald Ford placed a wreath at the Lexington Green Monument.

In 1974, Gabriel also took part in the



George Francis Gabriel was selected as this year's marshal for the Agawam Memorial Day Parade, which was cancelled because of inclement weather. SUBMITTED PHOTO

events of the USS Constitution Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade when Queen Elizabeth of England came to Boston in 1975. In 1990, he was the chief marshal for the Patriots Day Parade.

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# **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Impudence
- 5. Female garment
- 11. Not twice 12. Mention one by one
- 16. Cowbarn (British)
- 17. Promotional material
- 18. Argentinian artist
- Zeta 19 South Park guys'
- musical
- 24. Letter of the Greek
- alphabet
- 25. Comes into
- 26. VVV
- 27. Weaken
- 28. Costly
- 29. Weight
- 30. Financial obligation 31. A way to expel
- 33. Anoint
- 34. Stems
- 38. Belittled
- 40. Relating to odors
- 39. Refrain from harming **CLUES DOWN**

- 43. Helps animals metabolize nitrogen-containing compounds
- 44. Make neat
- 45. Ancient Greek sophist 49. A quantity of no
- importance 50. Used to have (Scot-
- tish) 51. Straighten
- 53. Early multimedia
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Greek sorceress
- 58. Michigan 59. Off-Broadway theater
- award 60. Watered
- 63. Small Eurasian deer that lack visible tails
- 64. Basic amino acid 65. A way to pick
- 1. Wept

- 2. All persons 3. Pouches of skin
- 4. Locates missile targets 36. Tree native to India Furrow
- 6. Michael Chiklis grew
- up here 7. Ruthenium
- 8. Sacred Hindu syllable 40. Utah city 9. Roman biographer
- 10. A way to smile 13. Atomic number 13
- 14. Can be domesticated 15. Exploded 20. An alternative
- 21. Foreign Service 22. Robbed by force
- 27. Bishops' seats of authority 29. "Tiny Bubbles" singer 55. Brood of pheasant
- 30. Deoxyribonucleic acid 57. Doolittle was one 31. Plural present of be
- 32. College degree 33. Basics
- 47. More well ventilated 48. Most guileful 50. Grinder 51. University of Dayton 23. Made the acquaintance of 52. Sodium 54. Fashion designer Chapman

34. High sea wave

35. Go against flow

Toyon

42. Magnesium

37. A major division of

geological time

38. Yakut God of Light \_\_

41. Supporting musicians

44. Scottish cap (slang)

45. Performing artists

46. Slang for mistake

- 61. Equally 62. "Bring Em Out"
  - rapper

# **Answers on page 15**

# **EARLY** I from page 1

the same, but we would lose five years. It's not worth it,"

He said he hopes the School Committee resolution will lead to the town doing something about a new ECC.

'I'm willing to listen to ideas, but we need to address this issue," the superinten-

Mayor Richard Cohen, who chairs the committee and who voted present, has said it would increase taxes by approximately \$173 annually for the average single-family home if the town took out a 20-year bond to fund the school's construction. He said the town can afford it "if all are willing to increase taxes to do so."

# 'A good idea'

Anthony Bonavita felt so strongly about the need for the school that he said he's willing to pay for his portion of the cost im-

"If you told me that for \$173, I was getting a new pre-K and K school, I'd write you out a check. I think it's a good idea," he

Sapelli said education and government leaders talk about how important early childhood education is, "yet nobody recognizes that money needs to be put there as well." He said if the town were to wait for the SBA, it would have been eligible to be reimbursed for up to 60 percent of the construction costs — but only for the portion of the school used for kindergartners.

Any part of the building used by preschoolers would be excluded from reimbursement, including shared spaces such as the gymnasium. Sapelli said if the state changed its policy to fund pre-K schools, then it might make "a big difference. But I don't see that changing within the next few vears."

Sapelli said the town has been dealing with this need for 20 years - ever since the ECC moved to the current structure on Perry Lane that was converted into a school from an office building. That configuration, according to the resolution, "does not provide an educational setting that is

conducive to early education for preschool

"It was supposed to be short-term, two to five years, but here we are 20 years later," said Sapelli. "We can't keep kicking this can down the road as we have for 20 years."

## **Eye-opening conditions**

Wendy Rua said she's toured the Early Childhood Center several times. She called the conditions at the school "an eye-open-

Although a feasibility study by an architectural firm specializing in school designs proposed a school that combines pre-K and kindergarten classes, Sapelli said that configuration is not a done deal. "Nothing is cast in stone — we can change things. We need to determine what we can afford and what our actual minimum educational needs are. But we have to do something

"Some people think of the ECC as daycare," said Sapelli. "It's not."

The ECC serves a high population of autistic students, and the state mandates that students with significant learning disabilities receive early education instruction beginning at 2.9 years old.

Because of space constraints at Perry Lane, some children in preschool classes have been shuffled to classrooms at Granger and Clark elementary schools, forcing elementary teachers for specialized programs, such as science, music and art, to travel from classroom to classroom using carts, rather than having classrooms of their own

School Committee member Shelley Borgatti-Reed said the town needs a new ECC "sooner rather than later," but added that the committee is open to suggestions about how to do that. Carmino Mineo agreed, saying the town can't afford to wait on a new ECC. "The risk is not worth the reward, especially not knowing what the state will reimburse us."

# **ROAD ■** from page 1

concrete sidewalk, and extra money from other parts of the project has been reallocated to the path.

Chase hopes the shared-use path is one of several bicycle-friendly projects that "change the way people think about getting around Agawam," part of a state-wide initiative called Complete Streets.

In the next month, the town will apply for a \$50,000 state grant to hire a consultant to identify 15 to 20 Complete Streets projects in Agawam. Once the list is made, the town can apply for up to \$400,000 in construction money that must be spent before July 1, 2017. The town could also apply for an additional construction grant for

The projects will be chosen with input from a complete streets committee. Chase said anyone intrested in serving on the committee, or anyone with an idea to improve bicycle, pedestrian or public transportation in town, should contact her office. A contact form is available at www. agawam.ma.us/engineering.

# Road work

As in previous years, bike lanes will be part of the town's usual summer roadwork. primarily funded by the \$800,000 in Chapter 90 funds from the state. The repaving of Suffield Street, from Silver to Cooper streets, will include an extension of the bike lanes that already exist south of Silver Street. Other roads to be rebuilt over the summer include Edgewater Road, North West Street (from Southwick Street to North Street Extension), Raymond Circle, Ridgeview Drive, Robin Ridge Road and Squire Lane.

Chase said the town will also perform maintenance work — sealing cracks or adding a top coating, though not a full rebuild — on Shoemaker Lane, and will look into installing bike lanes there, too. Maple Street, South West Street (from Barry to Southwick streets) and the roadways in the industrial park are also slated for maintenance work this year. Additionally, the town is considering installing speed humps on Paul Revere Drive to reduce cut-through traffic in that residential neighborhood.

Roadwork will begin after July 1 and proceed as long as the weather and the funding allow.

'We've got to put it out to bid, and once the pricing comes in, we've got to adjust what the pricing allows us to do," Chase

Several factors determine how high a street is prioritized for repair, Chase said, including the condition of the road surface and the level of traffic. One additional concern is underground utility work; Chase said she'd like to see Corey, Reed and Walnut streets repaved this year, but because of upcoming water and gas line construction expected on those roads, it doesn't make sense to lay a new road surface only to see it ripped up within a year or two.

# Bridge work will wait

Reconstruction of the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge isn't ready to proceed yet, and may have to wait more than a year.

The bridge, built in 1946, carries Route 147 over the Westfield River between Agawam and West Springfield. Work on the bridge was originally planned for fiscal 2017-the year that begins July 1-but only the preliminary "25 percent plans" have been completed, said Agawam Town Engineer Michelle Chase.

She said the state may be able to bid the project in November, but is considering delaying starting construction until after the Interstate 91 viaduct work is finished in Springfield, in part to preserve an alternate route to the fairgrounds in West Springfield.

There was concern from the Big E with the two projects going on at the same time," Chase said.

Full traffic flow on the downtown Springfield viaduct is expected to be restored in late fall of 2017.

When the bridge is built, it will include a shared-use path on the eastern side, connecting Agawam to proposed bike lanes along the length of Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

# Sandlin making write-in bid for state rep. ballot

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee has drafted Rosemary Sandlin to run again for state representative. The former legislator will run a write-in campaign in the Sept. 8 Democratic primary election.

"The people of Agawam, Southwick and Granville deserve strong representation at the Statehouse," said Sandlin. "When elected I will use my working knowledge, decades of experience, and unyielding commitment to our community to bring home the much needed resources to the 3rd Hampden District."

There are no other declared Democratic candi-

dates for the nomination. Agawam City Councilor Richard Theroux qualified for the primary ballot, but ended his campaign in May.

'We are confident that Ms. Sandlin

will obtain the required 150 write-in votes needed to appear on the general election ballot in November," said Frank Sacco, campaign director. "We will be distributing stickers to voters to facilitate the write-in process."

In November, Sandlin would face Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, for the third time. Sandlin was elected to the state House in 2006 and served two terms, running both of her re-election campaigns against Boldyga. She won in 2008 and lost a close race in 2010.

Before being elected herself, Sandlin was a legislative aide to state Senate Majority Leader Linda Melconian.

Sacco said any Democratic or unenrolled voter wishing to obtain a sticker for use in the primary election should contact Sandlin at 413-530-0269.



**Rosemary Sandlin** 

# Public Safety

# FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 84 EMS calls from June 7 to June 13, and the following emergency response calls.

On June 7 at 1:15 a.m., the department responded to Florida Drive for public service.

On June 7 at 7:59 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield St. for lockout.

On June 7 at 9:36 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for lockout.

On June 8 at 8:10 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional

On June 8 at 2:48 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire unintentional.

On June 8 at 3:23 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On June 8 at 3:23 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for smoke detector activation, no fire unintentional.

On June 8 at 5:44 p.m., the department responded to Florida Drive for public service.

On June 8 at 10:25 p.m., the department responded

to Federal Avenue for public service. On June 9 at 4:33 a.m., the department responded

to Maple Street for good intent call, other.

On June 10 at 6:28 a.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On June 10 at 3:34 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for fires in structure other than in

On June 10 at 3:51 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with no in-

On June 10 at 9:35 p.m., the department responded to Blairs Hill Road for service call, other.

On June 11 at 12:39 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for citizen complaint.

On June 11 at 3:04 p.m., the department responded to Independence Road for lockout.

On June 11 at 3:18 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries. On June 12 at 9:18 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for unintentional transmission of alarm,

On June 12 at 10:10 a.m., the department responded to Walnut Street for smoke detector activation due to

On June 12 at 11:31 a.m., the department responded to Maple Meadows for public service.

On June 12 at 8:52 p.m., the department responded to River Road to assist police or other governmental

On June 13 at 2:23 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On June 13 at 7:06 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor to assist invalid.

# **POLICE LOG**

The Agawam Police Department responded to 382 calls for service from June 13 to June 19. The department recorded five arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

# Wednesday, June 15

Stevent Zamot, 24, of 44 Everett St., Springfield, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and fraud in hiring a vehicle.

# Thursday, June 16

Anthony J. Davilli, 21, of 97 Fordham Ave., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

# Sunday, June 19

David P. Desjardins Jr., 26, of 85 Hanover Road, Baltic, Conn., was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and three counts of assault and battery on a police officer.

A male juvenile from South Windsor, Conn. was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and furnishing a false name and Social Security

A male juvenile from South Windsor, Conn. was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting

# Teen memberships free at Family Center

free memberships in the West of the River Family Center this summer, Executive Director Andrew Melendez announced this

The offer is open to any Agawam or West Springfield resident aged 13-17, or entering up to their senior year in high school. The

Local teenagers can take advantage of membership, which will be valid for the summer, gives full access to the facility's fitness equipment, smoothie bar, classes and other programs.

The West of the River Family Center, at 61 Springfield St., Agawam, opened earlier this month as a locally run replacement for the Agawam YMCA.

### **DEMENTIA** I from page 1

bers, and town officials, including Mayor Richard Cohen, Planning Director Marc Strange, and Council on Aging Director Joan Linnehan, to discuss how to make Agawam a dementia-friendly community.

"We can't stop the number of people who will be diagnosed with dementia, but we can help make these individuals feel more a part of the community and support them as their needs change," said Monas-

She said a dementia-friendly community makes a promise through words and actions to understand, respect and support the unique needs of people with dementia. Monasterski is modeling the program after a similar one created in Westfield, which recently was designated as a dementiafriendly community by the Alzheimer's So-

During the hour-long meeting there was a discussion about how to raise awareness about dementia. "It's important that we educate people about dementia — not just the public but also businesses," said Cohen, who added that his father had suffered with

Strange said community television Channel 12 could be used to run educational videos, advertise websites, and post other information for the public about dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

# Often misunderstood

Monasterski said only 45 percent of people with dementia or Alzheimer's have been informed of a diagnosis. Signs of memory impairment often are missed by family members or strangers, and can even be misunderstood as a psychotic illness.

While memory difficulty is the most prominent symptom of dementia, additional problems can include problems with language, attention, problem solving, spatial skills, judgment, planning or organization. Monasterski said these problems can be severe enough to get in the way of normal daily living, such as social and occupational activities.

"There's a huge need and role for the community to play in helping to understand the behavior of someone with dementia. There aren't enough caregivers, so we as a community have to figure out a way to deal with this situation," she added.

Linnehan said she sees a lot of spouses caring for their spouse who has Alzheim-

"If we can help validate what they are experiencing, it becomes easier for them to deal with it," she said.

Since a number of people are isolated at home, one of the challenges facing commu-

### so families don't feel so overwhelmed by providing care, noted Tania Spear, CEO for Silver Linings Home Care in Agawam. "Families are doing the best they can, but

they need help and support."

nities is to provide activities and resources

Groups 'do wonders' Lisa Sheehan, director of career development at Agawam High School, said setting up a town-wide support group for those who are dealing with a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's could "do wonders"

to help them cope. Sheehan, who has helped to arrange for students to volunteer at Heritage Hall's dementia unit, said younger people also should be involved in raising awareness about dementia.

"If we start educating students about seniors and dementia, it will make people in general more aware of those with dementia," she said.

Better socialization opportunities often work better than medications, said Monasterski: "There's so much focus on medication and so much misinformation. Many primary doctors are not equipped to deal with dementia, so often they prescribe medications - and medication is not always the best treatment."

One of those social opportunities could happen at the town's Senior Center, which could start a "memory café" to encourage people with dementia and their spouses to join the community and decrease the risk

Cohen added that he will work with Monasterski to see if an exercise program could be provided for those with dementia at the West of the River Family Center — the former Agawam YMCA.

Monasterski said the ideas and suggestions she got at the meeting were the first step in helping to open up doors in Agawam for those with dementia. Over the summer and in the fall she will continue discussions to identify specific strategies. She said her primary role is helping Agawam set up a support system to deal with those suffering with dementia.

"This meeting started an important conversation about developing a plan to make Agawam dementia friendly and I'm very encouraged," she said. "I'm not advocating for any particular facility or location. Agawam is going to have more individuals with dementia who will require more assistance. My goal is to encourage our community to become more proactive about taking some positive actions to improve the quality of life of those with dementia."



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# Youth

# Police give scholarships



The Agawam Police Association recently announced three Agawam High School graduates as winners of this year's R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarships. Above, from left, are Larry Grady; Kenneth Grady Jr.; Officer Karen Langevin; scholarship winners Kellie Cormier and Sydney O'Keefe; Barbara Tessicini; and scholarship winner Michael DeStefano. SUBMITTED



AHS graduates Cameron Fowler, fourth from right in the back row, and Rachel Bonafilia, second from right in the front row, were among students to be awarded Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley scholarships. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# AHS grads among Realtor scholarship winners

HOLYOKE — This year marks the 42nd year the Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley has awarded scholarships to area high school graduates about to enter college. This year, 19 students were awarded a total of \$13,278. The students were honored at a banquet held June 9 at the Log Cabin in Holyoke.

Since 1992, over 450 students have been awarded \$266,415 in scholarships from the

Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley. The 2016 recipients included Agawam High School graduates Rachel Bonafilia and Cameron Fowler. Bonafilia will be attending the State University of New York, majoring in wildlife science. She is the daughter of Rebecca Bonafilia of Feeding Hills. Fowler will be attending Bryant College. He is the son of Eileen and Brian Fowler of Agawam.

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# Children's Summer Reading starts June 24

The Summer Reading Program at the Agawam Public Library will run June 24 through Aug. 5. Registration started June 6 and over 150 readers have signed up. Parents whose children are already registered are reminded to come to the library to pick up a Reading Log to keep track of their reading.

There are summer reading programs for all ages. It is free to participate and free to attend any of the events. Residency is not required to participate and library cards are not required. For every day a member of the program reads or someone reads to them, they will earn a raffle ticket to enter to win prizes.

Those interested in joining can register online or pick up a Reading Log from the library. For more information, visit www.agawamlibrary.org/children/ or call 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

# **CAMPUS NOTES**

College of the Holy Cross: Emily L. Davenport, Timothy S. Provost, and Stephanie A. Roulier, of Feeding Hills, graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 27.

Goodwin College: Gabrielle Calvanese, Victoria Luccardi and Charles Rossi, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Holyoke Community College: Twenty students from six school districts earned their high school diplomas through Holyoke Community College's Gateway program his spring, including Sarah Wyckoff from Agawam. Gateway to College is a dual enrollment program for students who have either left high school or are at risk for dropping out. Gateway students take classes at HCC, collecting transferable college credits while also earning their high school diplomas.

University of Hartford: Jonathan Forgue and Alyssa Guerette, of Agawam; and Erin Hand and Shannon Sullivan, of Feeding Hills, were named to spring semester dean's

Western New England University: Brian Martel, Adam Ardolino, Joeanna Glantz, Stephen Mateus and James Ridenour, of Agawam; and Adrianna Martinez, Iman Shehemi, and Braden Lucia, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester president's list.

Malik Calixte, Devin Ryan, Lauryn Winiarski, Mark Walker, Vitaliy Gladun and Christina Verbetsky, of Agawam; and Katelyn Cummings, Sabrina Serra, Amanda Rose and Jeffrey Rovatti, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list. Maura Curran of, Agawam, received the Garver Award and the Honor Graduate in Neuroscience Award at the 2016 College of Arts and Sciences Awards Ceremony at Western New England University.

Westfield State University: Ashley Lindeland, of Feeding Hills, was inducted into the Lambda Pi Eta National Communications Association Honor Society. She was also named to the spring semester dean's list.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute: Derek Johnson, of Agawam, and Gaetano Scuderi, of Feeding Hills, graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 14.



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# **Patriotic Rosary** set for June 29 at Sacred Heart

The Spiritual Life Committee at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a Patriotic Rosary Wednesday, June 29. The rosary will begin at 7 p.m. in preparation for Independence Day, July 4. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

A Patriotic Rosary is prayed specifically for our nation's capital, the president, Congress and all the leaders of our nation. Each of the 50 Hail Marys is prayed for each state by name and every soul in that state. Vin Govoni will lead participants in singing the patriotic songs, which will be sung after each decade. In praying the Patriotic Rosary, participants invoke God's grace, protection, and blessings upon each state and all the people that dwell within it. All are invited to attend the event this

For more information, call Jean Raczkowski at 413-786-8200, ext 3.

# Historical museum open Sunday

The Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum will be open this Sunday, June 26, 1-4 p.m. The museum, which houses a collection of artifacts showcasing the town's history, this year is featuring an exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition

The museum, at 35 Elm St., Agawam, will also be open 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com or follow it on Facebook.

# **Humason honored for work on public records law**

WALTHAM — State Sen. Don Humason recently received a Massachusetts Public Service Award from Common Cause, a leading advocacy group for transparency and openness in government, for his work on recently passed legislation that updates the state's public records law.

"I appreciate this award from Common Cause in recognition of the hard work that I had the honor of sharing in with my fellow conferees," said Humason. "At the end of the day, our work resulted in a sensible, balanced update to an outdated law that was over 40 years old."

Humason, who represents Agawam and 10 other cities and towns, was one of three senators appointed to the conference committee tasked with crafting final legislation based on differing version of the bill passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Governor signed the committee's bill into law on June 6.

"We were delighted to honor Sen. Humason and the other conferees for their terrific work on the public records bill. Sen. Humason was an advocate for transparency from the start and was a pleasure to work with as part of the conference committee. Kudos to him and to the other conference committee members who made such a great bill possible," said Pam Wilmot, executive director of Common Cause.

Humason received the award at Common Cause's annual event, titled Building a More Perfect Democracy. Senators Lovely and Lewis, who rounded out the Senate's conferees, also accepted awards at the event. Additional recipients at this year's event included economist and Nobel laureate Paul Krugman, former executive director of the State Ethics Commission Peter Sturges, and Janis McQuarrie, a citizen activist and longtime member of Common Cause. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis also spoke during the event.

Common Cause is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy.



Pam Wilmot, executive director of Common Cause, and state Sen. Don Humason at the "Building a More Perfect Democracy" event held recently. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members work to create open, honest and accountable government that serves the public interest; promote equal rights, opportunity, and representation for all; and empower all people to make their voices heard in the political process.

The public records law aims to ensure fair accessibility of government documents at the state and local levels for members of the public. It had not been updated since 1973. New provisions include clear compliance timelines for state agencies and municipalities and caps on fees that can be levied on record requestors. The legislation also calls for easier accessibility to electronic public records from public agencies.

"My goal from the very beginning of our consideration of this bill was to deliver a bill that is easy to understand, serves the public interest, and ensures that our big cities and small, rural towns are able to comply," Humason said. "I am proud to say we held true to that goal and our final bill reflects that."

The text of the law can be viewed at https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/ House/H4333.

Humason and staff are available to meet with constituents at his district office, 64 Noble St. in Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead is recommended. Humason's district office staff can be reached at 413-568-1366. Staff in his Boston office can be reached at 617-722-1415 for legislative matters. The senator's email is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.





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Jared Drummond looks for an open teammate.



Goalie Frank Dejkus makes a diving save. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY / WWW.

# Summer kicks



The Agawam defense tries to head off Granby during Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League action on Monday evening. The Agawam A team faced Granby to start out the short 10-game summer season. Much of Agawam's team is comprised of returning players from last year's sectional finalist



Nick Malerba takes a free kick.





# **NEWS & FEATURES**

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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# Website will monitor river quality

In time for the summer recreation season, the Connecticut River Watershed Council and 16 partners have launched the 2016 Connecticut River water sampling program. Results from weekly and biweekly water samplings will be published online, including tests at Pynchon Point in Aga-

"When weather gets warm, people head to our rivers to cool off and have fun, and they want to know if our rivers are clean," said CRWC Lower River Steward Alicea Charamut, "The data tells us that it is a good idea to stay out of the water for 24-48 hours after a heavy rain because bacteria levels could be high. Heavy rain is often the cause of high bacteria levels. Bacteria can spike after a storm due to combined sewer overflows and polluted stormwater runoff from urban, suburban, and agricultural ar-

Water samples are tested for E. coli bacteria as an indicator for all types of other pathogens that could lead to illness in boaters and swimmers. River users can visit the "Is It Clean" web page at www.ConnecticutRiver.us to find bacteria test results at more than 147 river access and recreation sites in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and northern Connecticut. Test results are posted online 24 hours later, through early October.

Water sample results are color-coded and shown on a map to offer guidance about whether the water is clean enough for swimming and boating. Results are a snapshot of river conditions at the moment the sample was taken, but give river users information they can use to make informed decisions and prevent potential illness. The website provides bacteria data for the Connecticut River and more than 20 tributaries, including the Chicopee River, Mill River (Northampton) and Millers River

in Massachusetts, Farmington River in Connecticut, and many more. Some sites are still showing results from 2014, but all sample partners will begin collecting samples within a few weeks and results will be updated soon.

The water sampling project is now in its ninth year. Partner organizations include Connecticut River Watershed Council, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance, Putney

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Results of river E. coli tests will be plotted on a map of the Connecticut River watershed, with different colored dots noting bacteria levels unsafe for boating or swimming. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rowing Club, Black River Action Team, White River Partnership, Ottauquechee River Group, Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee, Greater Northfield Watershed Association, Greenfield Health Department, Farmington River Watershed Association, Connecticut River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Scantic River Watershed Association/University of Saint Joseph, Goodwin College and the Connecticut River Academy.

To learn more about CRWC, or to make a contribution to help protect the Connecticut River, visit www.ctriver.org.

# Town reminds residents of recycling rules

The town of Agawam continues to collect recycling in a dual stream system, unlike neighboring communities Westfield and West Springfield. In dual stream recycling, recyclables are sorted into separate bins before they are taken away. Paper is separated from bottles and cans. This allows items to be pre-sorted before they arrive at the recycling facility, where the split truck dumps bottles and cans in one building and all paper products in the second building.

The dual stream recycling program has provided financial advantages to Agawam, according to town Environmental Coordinator Tracy DeMaio. Over the course of the last five years, the town has recycled an average of 1,655 tons per year, earning the town an average of \$45,000 per year. These funds are based on commodity index prices and have historically been used to replenish recycling bins, purchase community shredders, trash and recycling containers, recycled athletic benches, and Earth Day and shredding events.

Residents should continue to sort their materials using two blue recycling bins or containers clearly marked as recycling. Mixed recycling (paper, bottles and cans in one container) will not be collected by the contracted hauler, but rather left behind with a "sorry sticker" identifying why the recycling was not collected.

'We are finding residents want to mix their recycling together like neighboring communities," said DeMaio. "We are not yet a single stream community, although the town has and will continue to research if this change would make sense for the community. Until then, residents should continue to sort their recycling into two bins."

Items that should be recycled:

Paper: Paper envelopes with windows, magazines, newspaper, inserts, junk mail, post-it notes, business cards, catalogues, white and colored paper, shredded paper (in paper bag), corrugated cardboard, boxboard (cereal boxes), clean pizza boxes (no grease or food), paperback books and phone books, construction paper, gift wrap, gift bags, cards and gift tissue paper (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter).

Aluminum: Cans, foil, pie pans.

Steel: (Tin) cans, empty aerosol cans (food, laundry, beauty), beverage and pet food cans.

Glass: Food, beverage bottles and jars.

Plastics: Two-gallon or less (caps and lids okay) food containers; margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, beverage bottles and jugs, soda, water, juice, milk, detergent bottles, clear clamshells, personal care bottles, shampoo, soap,

Cartons: Milk and juice cartons, soymilk and drink boxes.

Among items that should never be recycled, the "top five offenders" are plastic bags, metal objects, plastic containers over 2.5 gallons, motor oil and anti-freeze bottles, and Styrofoam.

The top reasons recycling is left on the curb are recycling tied in plastic grocery bags; trash mixed with recycling; scrap metal items mixed with recycling; cardboard not flattened and cut down.

Plastic grocery bags are not recyclable in the curbside recycling program. These bags wrap around conveyer belts and equipment at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, causing the plant to shut down. Plastic bags may be recycled at local grocery stores. Styrofoam cups, plastic cups, dishes, coat hangers, pots and pans are not recyclable in the curbside program. Cardboard needs to be flattened and no larger than 3 feet by 3

For a complete list of what to recycle, visit www.springfieldmrf.org.

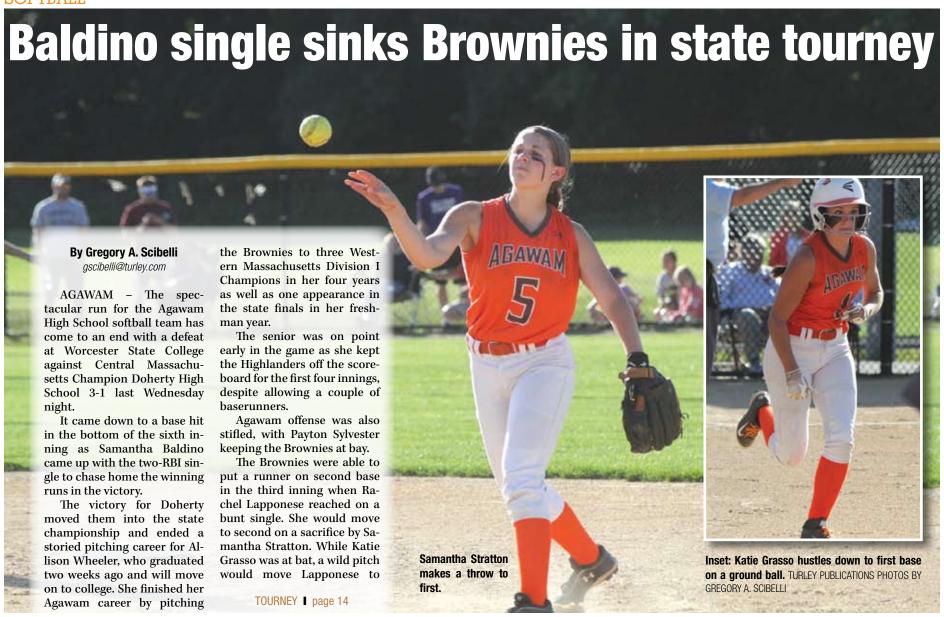
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BASEBALL

# Legion baseball out to a tough start

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School varsity baseball team had a tough spring, only winning a few games while continuing to bring along a number of younger athletes on their roster.

This summer, Agawam American Legion Post 185 features several of the players, along with a few returning players from last year's team. Under American Legion rules, college freshmen are also permitted to play Legion ball prior to moving on to different summer

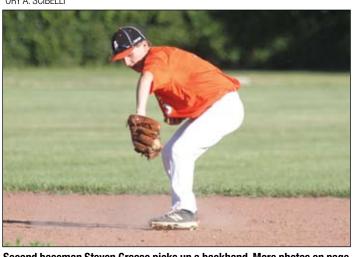
Last Tuesday evening, Agawam suffered a tough loss against Easthampton Post 224. Agawam trailed throughout the game after falling behind early. Agawam had a couple of tough defensive innings, and could not come back in a 7-3 loss. For the season, Agawam is currently 0-4, having lost to East Springfield, Aldenville (Chicopee), and Longmeadow.

The Brownies will have 11 more games in a very busy month with the season set to conclude on July 6. Agawam could then qualify for the Legion playoffs in District 2.

Coming up, Agawam will search for its first win of the summer when they host Pittsfield Post 68 at 5:45 p.m. on June 23. Agawam will play at South Hadley Post 260 at Landers Field on Saturday at 1 p.m. followed by a 4 p.m. game at Belchertown.



Domenic Ingham makes a throw to first. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREG-



Second baseman Steven Grasso picks up a backhand. More photos on page

# SOFTBALL

# **Brownies put final touches** on another great season

By Gregory A. Scibelli ascibelli@turlev.com

AGAWAM - With the graduation of just four senior starters, one would think the Agawam High School softball team is set for continued success.

But one of those seniors has been the key to Agawam's string of success during the past four years.

Allison Wheeler was a key cog in the Agawam's success and her work will be sorely missed.

For several years, coach Kathy Georgina also had two and sometimes three pitchers that could be used. Often, those pitchers, Jess Colson, Danielle Circosta, and Lauren Brodeur, would be rotated in some fashion.

But Wheeler emerged her freshman year as a pitcher who could not be matched. The "rotation" soon became her starting role a short time into the regular season, and Wheeler took the main stage all the way to the state championship game, where she made her mark with a complete game performance against Milford, where she allowed just one run in a complete game effort.

Since then, she has been consistent every year, amassing 615.1 innings pitched. She finished with 672 career strikeouts and 65 total wins, winning 17 games this year, her highest total.

In addition to being consistently one of the top pitchers in Western Mass., Wheeler was also an anchor in the lineup. She finished this season with a .372 batting average. She batted .457 last year. She had three career home runs, five triples, and 12 doubles. She scored 63 runs, drove in 58, and also finished her career with 114 total hits in 236 at-bats.

Also leaving the team this vear is center fielder Rachel Lapponese. Lapponese has been a strong outfielder for Agawam during the past three years. She battled an injury for part of this year, but finished with a .286 batting average, had 18 hits and scored 12 runs. She also played a consistent center field.

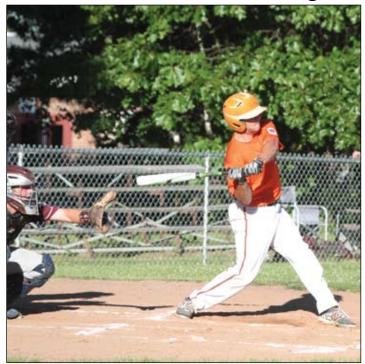
Shortstop Jess Lingenberg will also leave a big hole for Agawam to fill. She had a .364 average batting out of the clean-up spot. She had 28 hits, 20 RBI, and scored 14 runs. She also had six extra-base hits. Lingenberg played both third and short during her high school career and was an excellent defender.

Gianna Perella had to wait for a spot to open up at first base, but took over as the starter this year. She had a good season, providing good defense, and batted .294 out of the fifth spot in the order. She had 20 hits, 10 RBI, and 16 runs scored.

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# **Sports**

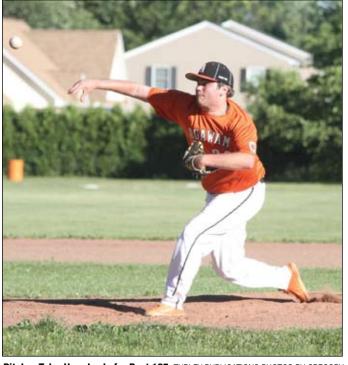
# Agawam Legion takes field



Ryan White swings at a pitch. Story and more photos on page 12.



Adam Kerr comes up throwing.



**Pitcher Tyler Heer hurls for Post 185.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

# Blue Sox remain perfect on the road

HOLYOKE – Four Valley Blue Sox (6-3) pitchers combined for a four-hit 2-0 shutout Sunday at Maxfield Sports Complex against the Upper Valley Nighthawks (4-5) to improve the Blue Sox road record to 5-0.

Erik Ostberg (Hartford) delivered the game-winner for the second straight night, slicing an RBI-single that landed on the left field line to bring home Hezekiah Randolph (New Orleans) in the eighth inning.

"You just have to come up with a little luck sometimes in big spots," Blue Sox manager John Raiola said. "We were able to do that today. The more you continue to put guys on base, that's all it takes. An error, a broken bat, or a ball on the line leads to runs. That's fortunately what we had tonight."

Starting pitcher Mark Washington (Lehigh) allowed the four Upper Valley hits in six innings of work. In two starts this summer, Washington has thrown 13 scoreless innings against just six hits.

Anthony Romanelli (1-0, Marist) earned the win after throwing a scoreless seventh inning that began with controversy. On the first at bat of the inning, Nighthawks' Charlie Concannon took a 1-0 pitch down the first base line that the field umpire ruled foul. Upper Valley manager Nick Cenatiempo protested the call, but to no avail after the umpires convened for more than a minute, and confirmed the foul call. Concannon popped out on the next pitch.

Setup man Tyler Smith (Canisius) ran into trouble in the eighth when he issued consecutive 2-out walks, but forced Upper Valley's Brian Mims to ground out to end the threat.

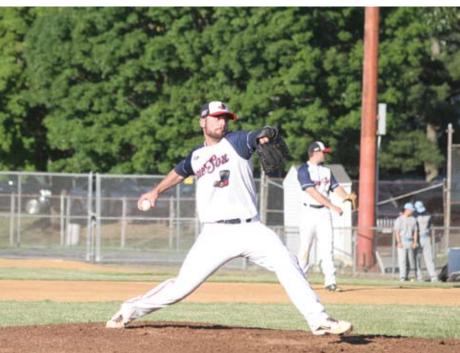
Tyler Lyne (Merrimack) notched his first RBI of the summer on a ninth inning single to give Blue Sox closer Sam Donko some insurance.

Donko (VCU), the NCAA leader in saves this year with 20, pitched for the first time since his college season ended on May 26. He retired all three batters he faced to earn his first save for the Blue Sox.

"It felt good to be back in a real game," Donko said. "Being out there facing batters in games that matter is a feeling you can't really explain. I was a little concerned with my location today because I haven't been out there, but I figured it out and did what I was supposed to do."

Infielders Kipp Moore (Murray State) and Cam O'Neill (Holy Cross) recorded two hits each to continue their impressive starts to the summer. They are now batting .378 and .375, respectively.

The Blue Sox continue a three-game road trip Tuesday when they face the Sanford Mainers at 6:30 p.m. at Goodall Park. Alex Harper-Cook (Tennessee) will make his second start as Valley looks to stay un-



Alex Tuohy delivers a pitch for the Blue Sox. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Brennan Washington makes a big catch in deep center field.

beaten on the road.

Ostberg plays the hero on Stars Wars Night as Sox earn walk-off win

Erik Ostberg (Hartford) walked off in the 12th inning to lead the Valley Blue Sox (5-3) to an 8-7 comeback win over the Winnipesaukee Muskrats (3-5) on Star Wars Night Saturday at MacKenzie Stadium.

With two strikes, Ostberg drove a curveball past the second baseman to bring home the winning run Brodie Leftridge (Tennessee) from second, giving the Blue Sox their first home win of the summer.

"They had been throwing that breaking ball with two strikes a lot tonight," Ostberg said. "So I was kind of sitting breaking ball there, and lucky enough, I took it up the middle."

The walk-off single capped a 3 for 6 evening for Ostberg, who is 7 for 13 over his past three games and batting .385 for the summer.

"I'm having a great time with these guys," Ostberg continued. "I'm feeling great with my swing. I'm playing with a little chip on my shoulder a little bit because I think I can really do some damage in this league, and that's pretty much the plan. I'm feeling really comfortable and happy."

After the Muskrats scored the go-ahead run off Shane Ennis (1-0, West Virginia) in the top of the 12th on a Michael Alescio suicide squeeze, Leftridge responded with an RBI double to tie the game for the fifth time.

The two teams combined for 12 runs in the first five innings, but relief pitching kept the game tied until the Muskrats executed the squeeze. Four Blue Sox relievers combined for one earned run over the final 7 1-3 innings.

"The relievers came in and did a really good job," Blue Sox manager John Raiola said. "We walked a few too many guys, but it's still early, and we're trying to iron things out. That was a real good character win. Really good fight and I saw a lot of really good things."

Following three losses at MacKenzie Stadium to open the season, Valley manufactured its first home lead of the summer off a first inning Kipp Moore (Murray State) RBI-single.

The lead was short lived as the Muskrats used four hits and two walks in the third inning to build a 4-1 lead.

Chris Starcun (AIC) responded for the Blue Sox with a bases-clearing triple to even the score, boosting his season RBI total to nine.

The fourth inning featured Hezekiah Randolph (New Orleans) ripping the furthest hit ball at MacKenzie Stadium this season for an RBI double off the centerfield wall.

Winnipesaukee scored two more in the fifth to knock starting pitcher Alec Tuohy (SUNY Buffalo) out of the game, but Jacen Nalesnik's (Lehigh) RBI single in the bottom half evened the score once again.

The Blue Sox had an opportunity to take the lead in the eighth when pinch runner Brodie Leftridge (Tennessee) stole second and third base with no outs, but Muskrats pitcher Jorge Jimenez retired the next three batters.

In the tenth, Endy Morales (West Virginia) worked out of a jam, leaving Winnipesaukee runners on first and third.

Valley hits the road tomorrow to face the Upper Valley Nighthawks in the first ever meeting between the two franchises. Mark Washington (Lehigh) will make his second Blue Sox start tomorrow at 5 p.m. at Maxfield Sports Complex in White River Junction, Vermont.

# Sports

# GOLF CALENDAR

# Rick's Place Classic set for Sept. 17

WILBRAHAM - On Saturday Sept. 17 is the 15th annual Rick's Place Golf Classic (formerly the Rick Thorpe Memorial Golf Tournament) at the Country Club of Wilbraham at 859 Stony Hill Road.

We've ordered up another gorgeous day so all you have to do is play golf.

All proceeds to benefit Rick's Place, Inc. where grieving young people and their families meet others to do activities, projects and games meant to support their grief process.

Please print all forms and mail to Bill Scatolini at 85 Post Office Park Wilbraham, MA 01095.

### **Commaders Tournament set for Aug. 20**

WILBRAHAM - The Polish American Veterans Club of Wilbraham is having their Commanders Golf

Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Pine Grove Golf Course in Northampton. It is a four-person scramble.

Cost is \$55. Does not include carts. It does include greens fee and steak dinner.

Contact Lou Grondalski at 543-3506 for more information.

Send us your golf tournament information. Contact Sports Editor Dave Forbes at 413-283-8393, ext. 237, or send an e-mail to dforbes@turley.com.

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Jenna Beach emerged as the starting left fielder this year. She had a knack for making good catches when the team needed them, and also batted a respectable .265 this year.

While the Brownies will miss their senior starters, they will bring back some great talent in rising seniors Katie Grasso and Maria Moccio, who both should help make the lineup formidable. Sierra Kruser will also return behind the plate. She swung a good bat last year as well. The Brownies will have to come up with a new starting pitcher. Wheeler finished with 155 innings pitched. Grasso pitched one inning.

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third base with one out.

But a strikeout and a pop-out would end the threat and strand the runner at

Agawam broke through in the top of the fourth inning, with Maria Moccio getting hit by a pitch and Jess Lingenberg worked an excellent at-bat for a walk to put two runners on with no outs.

Gianna Perella was hit by a pitch to load the bases with no outs. Sierra Kruser had the first crack scoring some runs, but popped out to the pitcher. Jenna Beach would follow with a grounder to short. She was thrown out, by Moccio scored to make it 1-0. Sylvester would escape further damage with a strikeout to Lapponese.

Up 1-0, Wheeler ran into some double when Baldino doubled off Moccio's glove. Later, Samantha Stake would single home a run to tie the score 1-1.

In the deciding sixth, Nicolette Genkos singled and would move to second on a sacrifice bunt. Ariella Forget would walk. Both runners moved up on a sacrifice fly, and Baldino had the solid single to left to score the runs.

The bottom of the Brownies would be retired in order to close out the regular

Wheeler pitched a complete game, going six innings, allowing three runs on eight hits. She walked two and struck out six. On offense, the Brownies were limited to three hits (one each by Lapponese, Lingenberg, and Moccio).

Agawam went 18-6 in 2016.



Jess Lingenberg swings and makes contact. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Catcher Sierra Kruser fields a ball behind the plate and makes a



Allison Wheeler pitches the fourth inning against Doherty.

# Mutiny surrender three unanswered goals in loss to Valkyries

REGION - The New England Mutiny had an opportunity to end their two-game weekend road trip with another win after taking a 1-0 lead against the TSF Academy Valkyries. Unfortunately for the Mutiny (4-2). the Valkyries (1-2-1) would score three unanswered goals to ruin the visitor's weekend plans and notch their first win of the season by a 3-1 score.

"We are on a streak of not playing well," said Mutiny owner Joe Ferrara, Jr., whose team takes on East leaders New Jersey Copa F.C. (5-1-1) in their next game. "We have put ourselves in a position with our backs against the wall and now we face the top team in our conference. There aren't any excuses left and its gut-check time for all of us."

New England got on the board in the 23rd minute, as Abby Sotomayor tapped her pass to Rachel Ugolik 30 yards out from goal. The Mutiny veteran would fire her shot past TSF goalkeeper Bjonda Ademi for the 1-0 lead. Nickolette Driesse would almost even the score just a minute later for the hosts, but her shot sailed wide of

Natalie Melillo would tie the match at 1-1 for the Valkyries in the 35th minute, as she chipped her shot over New England keeper Anne-Marie Ulliac as she ran out to stop her scoring opportunity. The score would remain tied as both teams went into halftime. It wouldn't take long in the second half for TSF to take control of the match, as Driesse would beat Ulliac high

on her free kick in the 48th minute.

The Valkyries would run away with the result after that as they held the run of play the remainder of the second half. All the Mutiny substitutions went for naught, as they couldn't influence the match. In the 88th minute, Melissa Kelly would put the exclamation point on her team's first win with her first goal of the 2016 season.

New England will continue their fourgame road trip next Saturday as they take on New Jersey Copa F.C. at Mercer County Community College. Copa has the league's top offense, as they have scored 19 goals this season, and will be the toughest test for the Mutiny of their 2016 campaign.

# Legals

### Legal Ad AGAWAM HISTORICAL **COMMISSION**

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 5, **2016**, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 497 South Westfield Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay

By Order of David Cecchi, Chairman AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6/23,6/30/16

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Probate and Family Court** Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD15P1476EA **Estate of: Ernest J. Bovat** Date of Death: 02/23/2015 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ronald Boyat of Westfield MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ronald Bovat of West-

field MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 6/23/16

> Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Hampden Probate and** Family Court **50 State Street**

Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD16P1054EA **Estate of: Lois W Wright** Date of Death: 06/03/2016 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard E Lathrop of Hastings NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Richard E Lathrop of Hastings NY be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administra-

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/14/2016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE ASSACHUSET UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 16, 2016 Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate

# PUBLIC NOTICE

On Monday, June 27, 2016, SOLitude Lake Management will be conducting an aquatic plant management program at Silver Lake in Agawam, Massachusetts.

The use of the lake's water will be restricted as follows:

# day or until June 28, 2016 **Direct drinking** for 3 days or until June 30, 2016

Irrigation for 5 days or until July 2, 2016

Swimming, fishing and

Livestock watering for 1

boating until completion of

the treatment on June 27,

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact the Silver Lake Association or SOLitude Lake Management at (508) 885-0101. 6/23/16

# **HOW TO SUBMIT LEGAL NOTICES**

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# Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@ turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

### Thursday, June 23

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE from 1 to 6 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood or platelets, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

# Friday, June 24

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382 OF FEEDING HILLS a patriotic "Paint and Shop Night" at the Grange Hall, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills, from 7 to 9 p.m. Donation is \$20 to cover the glassware, supplies and instruction by decorative artist Peg Sullivan. To make a reservation, call 413-789-2061.

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW today through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

### Saturday, June 25

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWICK RAIL TRAIL and Friends of the Columbia Greenway Fourth of July Kids Bike Ride at 10 a.m. Youngsters and families invited to participate in the ride, starting at Shaker Farms Rail Trail parking lot on Shaker Road in Westfield, heading south on the Rail Trail to Sam West Road in Southwick. Helmets required.

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT WORTH, Warriors of Renee Thibeault Herbert, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Fitness First, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. \$20 per person. For tickets, call Denise Morton at 413-734-4179 or Gina Marie Girouard-O'Neill at 413-237-5903. Tickets also available at the door.

# Sunday, June 26

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MU-SEUM at 35 Elm St., will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com or follow on Facebook.

CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM invites families an end-of-the-school-year program celebrating Jewish culture and traditions at 10:30 a.m. at the Children's Museum at Amelia Park in Westfield. Children of all ages welcome. No charge for the program, lunch or access to

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the museum. Reservations needed by June 17 to plan for lunch. RSVP to ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com.

# Monday, June 27

SARAH HODGE-WETHERBE will present her Mysterious Massachusetts program at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road, at 6:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited for an examination of the most famous cases of Massachusetts paranormal history.

### Tuesday, June 28

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Diversion Band — classic rock. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.

### Wednesday, June 29

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# Thursday, June 30

THE ARABIAN HORSE SHOE OF NEW ENGLAND from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free

# Tuesday, July 5

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Music by Duane Carlson — '50s to today. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www. ameliaparkice.org.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "At Home With Nature: The Natural World Under Glass" featuring John N. Whitenight, artist, educator and author, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

# Wednesday, July 6

THE YANKEE CLASSIC CLUSTER OF DOG SHOWS, today through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

# Thursday, July 7

AUNT HELEN'S GARDEN TOUR, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Storrowton Village Museum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

# Monday, July 11

THE REGION SIX CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Sunday, at the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West

Springfield. Free admission.

# Wednesday, July 13

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is

BIG E/SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND SUPER BLOOD DRIVE, noon to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

**Friday, July 15**NEW ENGLAND SHEEP SALE and Northeast Youth Sheep Show, today through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

## Tuesday, July 19

FRIENDS OF GRANBY ELDERLY SUMMER CONCERT from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Dufresne Field in Granby, Conn. will feature the Dan Kane Singers. Free will offering. Bring chairs, blankets and bug spray.

## Thursday, July 21

SOUTHWICK ROTARY'S SOUTHWICK DAYS today through Sunday at the Southwick Recreation Center on Powder Mill Road. Free admission. Donations accepted. For more information, visit www.southwickdays.com.

# Friday, July 22

YANKEE COLOR CLASSIC HORSE SHOW today through Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

### Saturday, July 23

"LITTLE HOUSE" FAMILY DAY, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Storrowton Village Museum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$10 per person. All children msut be accompanied by an adult.

HAMPDEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in at the Mallary Complex and outdoor horse ring on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

NEW ENGLAND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today; noon to 8 p.m., Sunday, in the outdoor area on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$20 per person Saturday; \$5 Sunday; under 6, free.

# Sunday, July 24

FRIENDS OF JAIME S. RIVERA Benefit Car Show at the Southwick Recreation Center, 64 Powder Mill Road. Proceeds to benefit Shriners Hospital for Children. Ran date is July 31.

# Thursday, July 28

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES featuring Richie Mitnick & Friends, sponsored by the West Springfield Parks &

Rec Dept., 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Storrowton Village Green on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission

### **ONGOING**

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

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A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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# Agawam Senior Center

# Lunch Menu

Monday, June 27: Chicken breast cordon bleu, baby potatoes, corn, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, June 28: Tuna salad cold plate, eggs, cheese, tomato, cucumbers, diced pears.

Wednesday, June 29: Tortellini soup, meatball

grinder, macaroni salad, mixed fruit. Thursday, June 30: Vegetable chili in a baked potato with cheddar cheese, tossed salad, baked good. Friday, July 1: Breaded chicken, baby potatoes,

# Calendar of Events

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Tuesday, June 28: 9 a.m., Sit & Knit, sewing class;

9:30 a.m., shuffleboard meets at St. John's field; 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club meets; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Rain Man"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 3 p.m., COA meeting; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 6:30 p.m., evening sewing class.

Wednesday, June 29: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., line dance jamboree (\$5); 5:30 p.m., Zum-

Thursday, June 30: 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge, memorial service (by invitation); 1 p.m.; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.

Friday, July 1: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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# <u>Our Town</u>

# Big Y partners with Hood, supports local dairies

Big Y Foods Inc. last week announced the launch of an expanded partnership with Agawam milk processor HP Hood. Big Y also announced an in-store campaign designed to boost sales of Western Massachusetts milk.

This announcement comes after two family businesses from Massachusetts, 80-year-old Big Y and 170-year-old Hood, began working together to supply milk and other dairy products through Big Y's supermarkets and convenience stores. With these added demands on the local milk supply, HP Hood dairy now processes an additional 5 million gallons of milk at its Agawam Main Street facility and has added 12 new employees there.

"Our partnership with Hood is unique," said Michael D'Amour, Big Y executive vice president. "We have very similar core values and a passion for quality and service. This is the beginning of a beneficial partnership for both organizations and the communities we serve together."

Big Y also expressed its support of the Local Farmer Awards program and announced an in-store campaign to highlight milk from local dairy farmers at Big Y stores during June, nationally recognized as "Dairy Month." The donation will help farmers make physical improvements on their farms and purchase equipment to help improve their farm businesses through the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation.

We understand the importance of local farmers for our economy and our environment," said Harold Grinspoon, founder of the Local Farmer Awards and the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation. "Farmers don't typically ask for help. They are genuinely appreciative of any support and use the money in creative ways to help support their businesses." He added, "We are thrilled Big Y is supporting our core mission through building awareness and donations generated through the purchase of milk at Big Y stores."

Hood's Agawam plant purchases raw milk from dairy cooperatives serving farmers in six Northeastern states, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Vermont.

# 'Dream' performed free outdoors

The romantic and popular Shakespeare comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed in an hour-long abridged version outdoors on the lawn this weekend, June 24-26, at the Red Door Theatre, 152

S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. The show is free and patrons may bring blankets and a picnic. Visit Reddoortheatre.com for more information or call 413-789-2026.

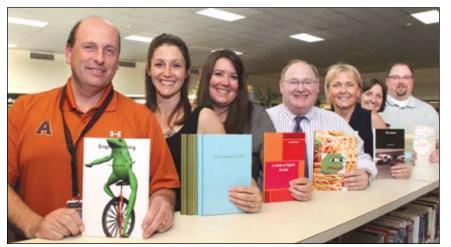


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# Book group



From left, junior high Principal Norm Robbins, eighth grade English teachers Stephanie Harris and Sarah Kempesty, Mayor Richard Cohen, Bridgeport National Bindery Vice President Michele Brennan, eighth grade English teacher Anita Quinn, and junior high Vice Principal Michael Donovan Jr., hold some of the books written by eighth graders in this year's Future Authors Program. The program was profiled in last week's Agawam Advertiser News. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

# Church Directory

### AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

745 Main St., Agawam 786-7111 Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson office@AgawamCong.com www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m. Communion on the first Sunday of the

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### **AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST** CHURCH

459 Mill St., Feeding Hills 413-786-4174 Pastor: Ken Blanchard email agawamumc@gmail.com www.agawamworship.org

WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday 10 a.m. Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays. Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship. Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.

Offsite Worship: Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m. Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m. Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m. Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays,

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580 Main St., Agawam (413) 789-2930 www.bethany-ag.org Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday 9am & 10:45am Christian Education offered during both Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.

# **CHURCH OF REDEMPTION**

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

50 Maple St., Agawam (413) 304-2313 churchor.org

WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday Services, 10 a.m. Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children Community Night: The first Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. Free dinner served.

# **FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**

Pastor: Rick Donofrio

370 Shoemaker Lane Agawam (413) 786-1681 jesussaves.7@comcast.net Church Website: www.faithbible -church.

# **SERVICES**

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760 Main St., Agawam churchedie@comcast.net www.firstbaptistagawam.org Pastor: Rev. George Thomson

SUNDAY SERVICES Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (grades K - 5) following Children's Message until 10:45 Youth Group meets at 11 a.m. Coffee & Conversation following worship service

# **HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

152 South Westfield St. Feeding Hills 789-2026

# SUNDAY SERVICES

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522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills Feeding Hills, MA 478-9484 David L. Short, Pastor

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